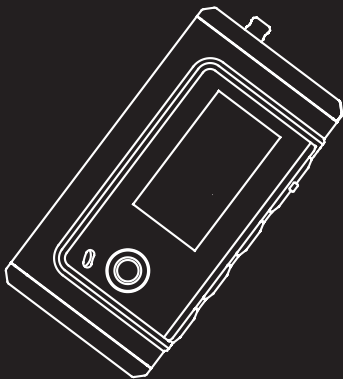


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Serial No.

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Product: Digital Audio Player

Brand: RCA

Model: M300, M3000, M3001, MC300, MC3000, MC3001

## Electrical Consumption

Lithium polymer battery (internal)

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# Before You Begin

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Note:

- If you are not using the player for a long time, please take out the battery to avoid leaking.
- Do not use the player under very hot, cold, dusty or wet environment.
- Unlock the HOLD switch before use.
- Avoid impact to the user while being use.
- An AAA battery allows approximately 12 hours of playback. However, the battery life may be different according to manufacturers, manufacturing time and using conditions.

Please replace your battery when:

- The battery icon gets empty,
- No response from pressing the buttons, even if after battery is reinstalled.

To avoid static electricity when using, please note the following:

- If possible, please avoid using it in rather dry environment.
- Please check whether the battery is used up when the player stops under normal operations.

## Accessories

The player is packed with the following accessories:

- Software installation CD
- USB cable
- Earphone
- User Manual
- Neckstrap

## System requirements:

- IBM compatible computer
- Processor: above Pentium 166 MHz
- Operation System: 2nd version of Win98, Win 2000, Win XP
- USB port
- Not less than 32MB memory (64 MB is preferred for Win2000 and WinXP)
- Not less than 20MB hard disk
- Not less than 4 x CD-ROM
- Network to Internet (recommended)

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## Warning:

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## Precautions for the Unit

- Do not use the unit immediately after transportation from a cold place to a warm place; condensation problem may result.
- Avoid shock to the unit.
- Do not store the unit near fire, places with high temperature or in direct sunlight.
- Do not operate or store unit in places with frequent static electricity or electrical noise (e.g. speaker, TV set).
- Clean the unit with a soft cloth or a damp chamois leather. Never use solvents.
- The unit must only be opened by qualified personnel.

## Caution

- Keep product out of direct sunlight. Exposure to direct sunlight or extreme heat (such as inside a parked car) may

cause damage or malfunction.

- Do not expose to rain or moisture.

## Caution while driving

Use of headphones while operating an automobile or moving vehicle is not recommended and is unlawful in some states and areas. Be careful and attentive on the road. Stop operation of the unit if you find it disruptive or distracting while driving.

## Headset safety



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Make sure you turn down the volume on the unit before you put on

headphones. Increase the volume to the desired level only after headphone are in place.

- Do not play your headset at a high volume. Hearing experts warn against extended high-volume play.
- If you experience a ringing in your ears, reduce volume or discontinue use.
- You should use extreme caution or temporarily discontinue use in potentially hazardous situations. Even if your headset is an open-air type designed to let you hear outside sounds, don't turn up the volume so high that you are unable to hear what is around you.

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## Important Battery Information

- When storing the unit, be sure to remove the battery because they may leak and damage the unit.
- Battery may leak electrolyte if inserted incorrectly, if disposed of in fire, or if an attempt is made to charge a battery not intended to be recharged.
- Discard leaky batteries immediately. Leaking batteries may cause skin burns or other personal injury.
- Do not charge batteries which are not intended to be recharged.
- Dispose of batteries, according to federal, state and local regulations.

## Please Respect the Environment!

Before throwing any batteries away, consult your distributor who may be able to take them back for specific recycling.



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## Connecting the Player to your computer

The player can transfer music files by the USB port.

1. Lift the cover that is covering the USB port on the player.
2. Insert the USB extension cable to the USB port on the player.
3. Connect the cable to the USB port on the computer tightly.
4. This screen will appear on the display of the player.



For Win 98 users, please install the included music management software before connecting. Otherwise, the computer may not recognize the player.

Refer to the Software Instruction manual for procedures in setting up USB drivers and transferring files to the player.

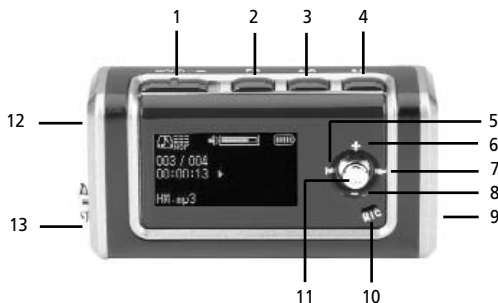


### Note

Refer to the Software Instruction manual for procedures in setting up USB drivers and transferring files to the player.

# General Controls

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**1. Hold** - to lock the player's keys.

**2. EQ** - to select EQ mode.

**3. A-B** - to select a section of a music / recorded file for A-B repeat / to start record.

**4. Play/Pause** - to turn on / off the player, to start, pause or stop playback

**5. REW** - to skip backward, to start fast backward playback.

**6. + -** to increase volume.

**7. FF** - to skip forward, to start fast forward playback

**8. - -** to decrease volume.

**9. USB** - to connect with computer via a USB cable. Open the cover when use.

**10. MIC** - microphone for recording.

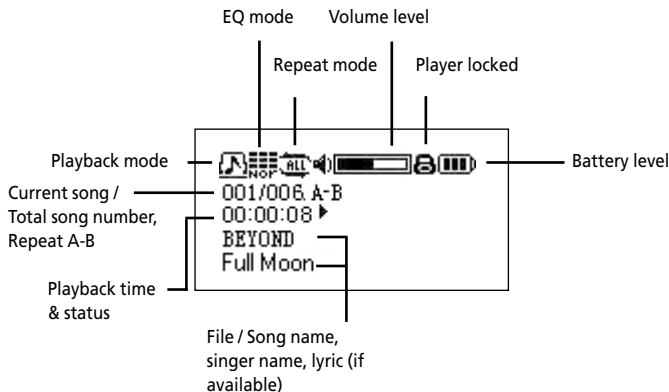
**11. M** - to access player's menu.

**12. OPEN** - battery compartment. Slide open the door to install battery.

**13. Headphone jack**

# Display

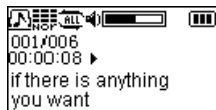
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## Displaying Lyric

Lyric files are of LRC format and they should have the same name with the corresponding music files. You can download them by "Mini Lyric" or make them by special tools.

When playing music files with lyrics, they will be shown in 2 lines at the bottom of the display.



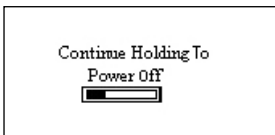


# Playback

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## Switching on and off

- To switch on the player, press the **Play/Pause** button and a start-up screen will appear on the display.
- To switch off the player, press the **Play/Pause** button for about 2 seconds until a switch off screen appears on the display. Press and hold until the progress bar reaches its end.



## General Playback

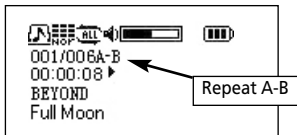
- After the player is switched on, press **Play/Pause** button to begin playback.
- Press **FF** or **REW** button to select next or previous music / recorded file.
- Press **+** or **-** button to increase or decrease volume.
- Press and hold **FF** or **REW** button during playback to play forward or backward music quickly.

Note: The battery level may vary during playback according to different level of power consumption.

## Repeat A-B

To repeat a section between two points A and B in your currently playing music / recorded file.

- During playback, press **A-B** button at the beginning of your repeat section. "A-" shows on the display.
- Press **A-B** button at the end of your repeat section. "A-B" shows on the display.



- The section will repeat continuously until you press **A-B** button again.

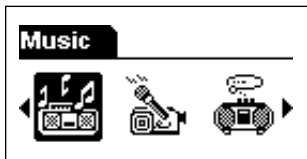
## Memory function

The player has memory function after switch off, it can recall the most recent settings (including playback file, language, EQ, Repeat, Power Save, radio channel and volume settings) for your next use.

# Player's Menu

**EN** Press **M** button to access the player's menu.

Press **FF** or **REW** button to select one of the menu items and then press **M** to enter into the item.



## Music

Select this item in the player's menu for the playback of music files. Refer to the previous page for playback operations.

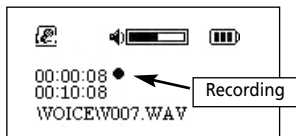
### A short-cut for recording:

Press and hold **A-B** button until recording starts, press **Play/Pause** to stop recording.

## Voice Recording

Select this item in the player's menu for recording. Recording starts immediately after you have selected this menu item. Press **Play/Pause** button to stop recording.

Refer to the "Folders" section for the playback of recordings.



# Player's Menu

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## Radio

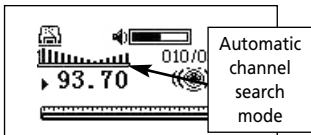
Select this item in the player's menu for listening to the radio.



### Adjusting frequencies

#### Radio automatic channel search:

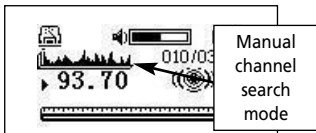
After the first time you selected the radio mode, the player will automatically search for radio channels and store them all up for you. Press and hold **FF** button and the player will start automatic channel search all over again. After automatic channel search is done, press **FF** or **REW** button to select and listen to a preset channel.



#### Radio manual channel search:

After the radio mode is selected, press **M** once to select manual channel search mode. Press **FF** or **REW** button to tune up or down frequencies at 50kHz intervals.

Press **A-B** button to save the frequency you have selected manually. You can save up to 30 radio channels.



### Recording the radio

In radio mode, press and hold **A-B** button until recording starts. Press **Play/Pause** to stop recording. Refer to the "Folders" section for the playback of recordings. All radio recorded files will be saved in "FM" folder.

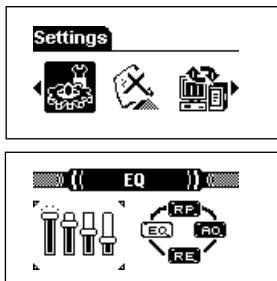
### Switching off the radio

Press and hold **M** button to switch off the radio and return to the music playback mode.

# Player's Menu

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Select this item in the player's menu for setting EQ mode, repeat mode and power save mode. In the Settings menu, press **FF** or **REW** button to select one of the settings and then press **M** button to enter into selected item.



**EQ** – EQ mode (for sound effects)

**RP** – Repeat mode (for repeat or shuffle playback)

**AO** – Power Save mode (for automatic power off when the player is idle)

**RE** – Return to the previous menu

In each of the above menu , press + or - button to select one of the options and then press **M** button to confirm the selection.

Options available within each menu:

**EQ** – Normal, Rock, Jazz, Classical, Pop, Bass and exit

**Repeat Mode** – Normal, Repeat Track (repeat the current music / recorded file continuously), Repeat All (repeat all music / recorded files continuously) , Shuffle (random playback), Shuffle Repeat (random playback continuously), Playlist (playback of selected music / recorded files, refer to the "Folders" section) and exit.

**Power Save** – Disable, 1, 2, 5, and 10 minutes. (Note: if "Disable" is selected, the player will not switch off even if it is left idle.)

## Folders

Select this item in the player's menu for browsing the music / recorded files directory. Press + or - button to browse files within the same folder. Press **FF** button to enter into a folder and press **REW** to exit a folder. Voice recorded files will be saved in the "VOICE" folder and radio recorded files in the "FM" folder.



# Player's Menu

You can also select music / recorded files into the Playlist for playback.

1. Select a music / recorded file from the file directory and then press **M** button to show a sub-menu.
2. Press **+** or **-** button to select "Playlist" and then press **M** button.  
(Note: Select "Play" will start playback of the selected file, "Delete" will erase the file from the player and "Exit" to exit this sub-menu.)
3. Select "Add" by pressing **+** or **-** button and then press **M** button to add the music / recorded file into the Playlist..



## Playback of the Playlist

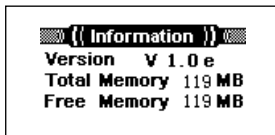
Select Repeat mode from the Settings menu and then select Playlist. Refer to the section "Settings" for details.

## Information

Select this item in the player's menu for checking total and free memory of the player and the firmware version.

Note: if the total and free memories are not correctly shown in the player, please format the player again with the music management software provided. You

can also download the software from <http://www.rca.com/digitalaudiowdownlo> ads



## Language

Select this item in the player's menu for setting player's display language. All the display and ID3 information will show in the selected language. Press **+** or **-** button to select a language and press **M** button to confirm selection.



## Return

Select this item in the player's menu for exiting the player's menu.

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### Note:

We strongly suggest users to install the music management software first before connecting the player to the computer.

Plug and Play function is only for Win2000 and WinXP. Win98 and Win 98SE users have to install the driver.

## Troubleshooting

### The play button does not function.

- There is no battery or the battery has been used up.
- Check if the battery is correctly installed.

### The buttons do not function when the player is switched on.

- The buttons are locked. Check the **HOLD** button.

### After connection with a PC, the mobile storage icon of the player could not be found.

- Driver may not be installed or the application has been corrupted. Install the application again.

### The time display is not showing correctly when some music is played.

- Some mp3 files are compressed with the VBR format that will cause the time to show incorrectly with the change of bit rate. Playback should be of no problem. Compress the files with fixed rate format.

### Unplugging the player from the computer causes malfunction.

- Do not unplug the player while transferring files to the player.

### Some music cannot be played.

- The music format supported:  
MPEG 1 Layer 3, MPEG 1 Layer 2,  
MPEG 1 Layer 1, MPEG2 Layer 3, MPEG  
2.5 Layer 3 and WMA.  
MP3: 32Kbps ~ 320Kbps  
WMA: 64 Kbps ~ 192Kbps  
Delete the music files and compress  
the music according to the standards.

### The free memory shown and the actual memory available is not the same.

- The player needs space to store applications. The available memory may be smaller than actual.

### All settings are lost.

- Settings are saved in .dat file. All settings are lost if you delete this file.

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## Technical Specifications

Memory: 64/128/256/512M/1G (Built inside)

Battery: 1x AAA battery

LCD: 128x64 pixels, OLED

Signal / noise: >75dB

Earphone output: 5mW + 5mW

Music format: MP3, WMA

Record format: PCM WAV



**Note:**

This unit may temporarily cease to function if

subjected to electrostatic disturbance. To resume to normal operation, it may be necessary to switch the power off and on again or to remove or reinstall the battery.

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- Defects in materials or workmanship.

## **For how long after your purchase:**

- One year from date of purchase.

The warranty period for rental units begins with the first rental or 45 days from date of shipment to the rental firm, whichever comes first.

## **What we will do:**

- Provide you with a new, or at our option, a refurbished unit. The exchange unit is under warranty for the remainder of the original product's warranty period.
- Proof of purchase in the form of a bill of sale or receipted invoice which is evidence that the product is within the warranty period must be presented to obtain warranty service. For rental firms, proof of first rental is also required.

## **How to make a warranty claim:**

- Properly pack your unit. Include any cables, etc., which were originally provided with the product. We recommend using the original carton and packing materials.
- Include evidence of purchase date such as the bill of sale. Also print your name and address and a description of the defect. Send via standard UPS or its equivalent to:

**Thomson Inc.  
Product Exchange Center  
11721 B Alameda Avenue  
Socorro, Texas 79927**

- Insure your shipment for loss or damage. Thomson accepts no liability in case of damage or loss en route to Thomson.
- Pay any charges billed to you by the Exchange Center for service not covered by the warranty.
- A new or refurbished unit will be shipped to you freight prepaid.

## **What your warranty does not cover:**

- Customer instruction. (Your Owner's Manual provides information regarding operating Instructions and user controls. For additional information, ask your dealer.)
- Installation and set-up service adjustments.
- Batteries.
- Damage from misuse or neglect.
- Products which have been modified or incorporated into other products.
- Products purchased or serviced outside the USA.
- Acts of nature, such as but not limited to lightning damage.



# U.S. Limited Warranty

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## **Product Registration:**

- Please complete and mail the Product registration Card packed with your unit. It will make it easier to contact you should it ever be necessary. The return of the card is not required for warranty coverage.

## **Limitation of Warranty:**

- **THE WARRANTY STATED ABOVE IS THE ONLY WARRANTY APPLICABLE TO THIS PRODUCT. ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED (INCLUDING ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE) ARE HEREBY DISCLAIMED. NO VERBAL OR WRITTEN INFORMATION GIVEN BY THOMSON INC., ITS AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES SHALL CREATE A WARRANTY OR IN ANY WAY INCREASE THE SCOPE OF THIS WARRANTY.**
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## **How state law relates to this warranty:**

- Some states do not allow the exclusion nor limitation of incidental or consequential damages, or limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you.
- This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you also may have other rights that vary from state to state.

## **If you purchased your product outside the USA:**

- This warranty does not apply. Contact your dealer for warranty information.

# Canadian Limited Warranty

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Thomson multimedia Ltd. warrants to the purchaser or gift recipient that if any manufacturing defect becomes apparent in this product within 1 year from the original date of purchase, it will be replaced free of charge, including return transportation.

This warranty does not include damage to the product resulting from accidents, misuse or leaking batteries.

Should your product not perform properly during the warranty period, either:

1. Return it to the selling dealer with proof of purchase for replacement,

OR

2. Remove the batteries (where applicable), and pack product complete with accessories in the original carton (or equivalent).

— Mail prepaid (with proof of purchase) and insured to:

**Thomson multimedia Ltd.**

**6200 Edwards Blvd.,**

**Mississauga, Ontario L5T 2V7**

**Canada**

The provisions of this written warranty are in addition to and not a modification of or subtraction from the statutory warranties and other rights and remedies contained in any applicable legislation, and to the extent that any such provisions purport to disclaim, exclude or limit any such statutory warranties and other rights and remedies, such provisions shall be deemed to be amended to the extent necessary to comply therewith.

If you are unable to find a qualified servicer for out of warranty service, you may write to:

Thomson Inc.

P.O. Box 0944

Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.A., 46206-0944

Attach your sales receipt to this booklet for future reference. This information is required if service is needed during the warranty period.

PURCHASE DATE

NAME OF STORE

**IMPORTADOR**

**Comercializadora Thomson de México, S.A. de C.V.**

**Álvaro Obregón No. 151. Piso 13.**

**Col. Roma. Delegación Cuauhtémoc**

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